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ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" This is based upon the answer given already."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. the Minister says that if further information is required, he wants notice."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The answer is that the Prime Minister himself appointed these officers. Does it not mean that the Collectors were not consulted?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member may have his own inference. But, if he wants confirmation, the hon. Minister requires notice."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The answer given carries with it the necessary inference which must flow from it on a reading of the English language."

Retired Gazetted officers re-employed after December **1946.**

* 150 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of retired Gazetted officers who were continued under re-employment even after December 1946 in various departments under the Government;

(*b*) how many of them are Muslims and Christians;

(*c*) if the policy of the Government is not to keep any more retired officers after December 1946 why some officers were allowed to continue under re-employment;

(*d*) how long these officers will be allowed to continue under the re-employment rules;

(*e*) whether there are any special qualifications which entitled them to be continued in employment even in 1947; and

(*f*) whether any retired Muslim officer has been continued in service after 1946; and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*f*) In respect of seven retired and re-employed gazetted officers the Government sanctioned the continuance under re-employment after December 1946. Of them one is a Christian and none are Muslims.

" Communal considerations do not come in, in re-employing retired officers of continuing them under re-employment.

" (*c*) to (*e*) Retired officers had to be kept on in service as enough qualified and suitable candidates could not be secured in the ordinary way. These officers are being replaced as and when qualified and suitable candidates become available. They will be completely replaced when such candidates become available for all posts."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact that Muslim retired officers who were asked again by the

Government to serve for some time longer were sent back in spite of the fact that the Prime Minister was pleased to say that Muslims were not intentionally excluded?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Since a sufficient number of questions have been put both in this House and in the other House on this topic, will the Government consider the question of terminating the services of all officers re-employed or retained in service after having completed their period?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" தகுந்த ஆபீசர்கள் கிடைத்தால் அதன்பிறகு அவர்களை அனுப்பிவிடுகிறோம் என்று முன்னமேயே சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். ஆகையால் இப்பொழுது இந்த question தேவை இல்லை."

MR. K. O. ANTHONI :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. the Prime Minister, may I know how long will it take to get suitable officers?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"எல்லாம் தெரிந்துகொண்டுதான் சொல்லமுடியும் இப்பொழுது சொல்ல முடியாது."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are not juniors in service who are qualified to be promoted to these high appointments?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அப்படி இருந்தால் இந்த ஆபீசர்களை இப்பொழுது நியமித்து இருக்கவேண்டியதில்லை."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Do the Government think that the junior officers are found to be inefficient and unable to discharge the duties which would be entrusted to them on promotion?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think here it is a matter of numbers not qualifications. They want more men, evidently."

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அதிகப் பேர்கள் வேண்டியதாக இருந்திருப்பதால் அப்படி நடந்திருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது அதைப்பற்றி யோசிக்கவேண்டியதில்லை."

Audit objections on the accounts of Tirumalai-Tirupathi Devastanam.

* 151 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints against the present Commissioner of Tirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanam from the President of the said Devasthanam Committee regarding some audit objections against the said Commissioner;

(b) if so, when this complaint was received by the Government;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action on the complaint; and

(d) if not whether they propose to order an enquiry now at least?